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The Senate met at 12 noon, on the expiration of the recess, when called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, source of enabling strength, we thank You that You have promised, "As your days, so shall your strength be."

As we begin a new week, it is a source of both comfort and courage that You will be with us to provide the power to finish the work to be accomplished before the recess. Help us to trust You each step of the way, hour by hour, issue after issue. Free us to live each moment to the fullest. We commit to Your care any personal worries that might cripple our effectiveness. Bless the negotiations on the budget. We ask that agreement may be reached.

Father, be with the Senators. Replace rivalry with resilience, party prejudice with patriotism, weariness with well-being, anxiety with assurance, and caution with courage. Reclaim that magnificent promise through Isaiah, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Is. 40:31. May it be so for the Senators all through this week. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The honorable JEFF SESSIONS, a Senator from the State of Alabama, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we note with great pleasure that the distinguished President pro tempore, Senator THURMOND of South Carolina, is present and accounted for, as always. We are truly blessed and thankful for the indomitable spirit and the magnificent personality and the leadership of Senator THURMOND. It is good to see him here looking great this morning.

Mr. THURMOND. Thank you very much.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 2 p.m. with Senators THOMAS and BYRD in control of the time.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2557, the bill regarding America's dependency on foreign oil. At 5:30 p.m. the Senate will proceed to a vote on the conference report accompanying the energy and water appropriations bill unless some other agreement is reached. As a reminder, on Tuesday morning the Senate will begin final debate on the H-1B visa bill with a vote scheduled to occur at 10 a.m. Therefore, Senators can expect votes at 5:30 p.m. this evening and 10 a.m. tomorrow.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

I might also note that we could have a vote or votes on the Executive Calendar this afternoon. So there could be at least two votes beginning sometime

around 5:30, maybe as many as three. And then, of course, there will be the other vote at 10 a.m.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS). The Senator from West Virginia is recognized now for 60 minutes.

Mr. BYRD. I do not expect to take 60 minutes, but I thank our floor staff for arranging for me to use that time.

A CATSKILL EAGLE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, on a cold winter afternoon in 1941, a young boy of fourteen went about his daily business, engaged in his humble profession. I can imagine that to many of the pedestrians who made their way down Central Park West that day, this youngster perhaps was nothing extraordinary, just another shoeshine boy. However, this was not just another winter day; it was December 7, 1941. It marked the beginning of America's active participation in the greatest struggle of the twentieth century, a war that would take this boy and make him a man. And it was, perhaps, the last time DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN was left standing on the sidelines as the controversies and events that would affect our Nation unfolded. So this was not just another boy. Today, I honor this man and commemorate his transformation from a humble shoeshine boy to the senior Senator from the State of New York. It is with a heavy heart, a heart that is filled with admiration, that I bid Senator MOYNIHAN farewell and thank him for his ceaseless efforts on behalf of the people of New York and this Nation.

He will not be leaving this afternoon or tomorrow or the next day, but this is his final year, by his own choice, in which he will serve the Nation and his State of New York from his position in this Chamber.

Raised by a journalist and a bar-keep in Manhattan's melting pot, Senator

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